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ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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NINETEENTH SESSION
Geneva, 17-20 (morning only) April 2002

Agenda item: 1
ENGLISH ONLY

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Participants can register at the International Conferences Centre of Geneva from 1500 to 1800 hours on Tuesday, 16 April 2002 and from 0800 hours on Wednesday, 17 April 2002, onwards.

There will be a cocktail reception at 1830 hours on 17 April 2002 at the session venue. All attendees, staff and interpreters are cordially invited.

There are no plans for evening sessions leaving lunch hours and evenings free for consultations among delegations.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (Doc. 1)

The Chairman of the IPCC, Dr Robert T. Watson, will call the session to order at 1000 hours on Wednesday, 17 April 2002 and make his opening remarks.

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the session. All documentation for the session will be in English only.

- 1.1 Remarks by Prof. G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization
- 1.2 Remarks by Dr K. Töpfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
- 1.3 Remarks by Dr Halldor Thorgeirsson, Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- 1.4 Remarks by Ms Joke Waller-Hunter, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC
- 1.5 Working arrangements

It is suggested that the working hours be from 1000 to 1300 hours for the morning meetings and from 1500 to 1800 hours for the afternoon meetings with breaks as decided by the Chairman.

- 1.6 Approval of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted for approval. The agenda may be amended at any time during the session.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION (Doc. 2)

The Secretary will submit the draft for approval.

3. ELECTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE IPCC (Doc. 3)

The Panel may recall its decision (Eighteenth Session, Wembley, UK, 24-29 September 2001) to elect its new Bureau and the Bureau (TFB) of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories at this – Nineteenth – session.

The agenda item will be introduced and taken up as the slate(s) of candidates is/are ready for consideration. The item will be kept open until election to all the positions is complete. The elections will take place in the following order:

- a. Election of the Chairman of the IPCC
- b. Election to the other positions on the IPCC Bureau
- c. Election to the Bureau (TFB) of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

The elections can be independent of each other and can occur at different times during the session.

Following the precedent set at the Thirteenth Session (Maldives, 22 & 25-28 September 1997), Dr Robert T. Watson will chair the session until the closing of the session, at which time the chairmanship will pass to the Chairman-elect. The new Chairman will close the session.

4. ACTIONS AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE BUREAU (Doc. 4)

The Chairman will inform the Panel of the actions taken by the Bureau at its Twenty-fourth Session (Geneva, 17-18 December 2001).

5. NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES PROGRAMME (Doc. 5)

The Chairman will invite Mr Taka Hiraishi, Co-Chairman of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, to introduce the agenda items for discussion and decision.

The Panel may recall that items 5a, 5b and 5c originate from the Marrakech Accords requests.

- a. Report on the First Authors'/Experts' Meeting on Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (NGGIP-LULUCF Task 1), including the final list of the Co-ordinating Lead/Lead Authors for the planned Good Practice Report.
- b. The Terms of Reference, the Table of Contents, the Work Plan and the proposed slate of authors for developing definitions for degradation of forests and devegetation of other vegetation types, and methodological options to inventory and report on emissions resulting from these activities (NGGIP-LULUCF Task 2).
- c. Approval of the Work Plan on the development of practicable methodologies to distinguish direct human-induced changes from indirect human-induced and natural effects with respect to carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks (NGGIP-LULUCF Task 3).
- d. Procedures to agree on the NGGIP products.

6. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2003-2005 (Doc. 6)

In order to formulate better and more accurate budget proposals, the decisions of the Panel are required on a number of items.

a. Work Programme for 2003 and beyond

The Panel may wish to decide:

- i. The timing of its Fourth Assessment.
- ii. Preparation of Special Reports/Technical Papers.

I. Geological Carbon Storage Technologies

The Panel may recall that the Marrakech Accords invited "the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in co-operation with other relevant organizations, to prepare a technical paper (sic) on geological carbon storage technologies, covering current information, and report on it for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its second session."

The Chairman will introduce the topic for discussion and decision.

II. Climate Change and Water

The Dialogue on Water and Climate would like to propose a Special Report on Climate Change and Water to be prepared in collaboration with them. The Report would be prepared following the Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports. In this connection, the Panel may recall its Special Report, Aviation and the Global Atmosphere, which was prepared in collaboration with the Scientific Assessment Panel to the Montreal Protocol.

The Chairman will introduce the topic for discussion and decision.

III. Climate Change and Sustainable Development

The Panel may recall its decision (Draft Report of the Eighteenth Session) to prepare a Technical Paper on the subject and requested the Bureau to review a revised scoping paper for

approval. The Bureau, at its Twenty-fourth Session (Geneva, 17-18 December 2001) deferred to the Panel the decision on the Technical Paper.

The Chairman will introduce the topic for discussion and decision.

IV. Levels of the Greenhouse Gases in the Atmosphere and Dangerous Anthropogenic Interference with the Climate System

The Panel may recall its request (Draft Report of the Eighteenth Session) to Vice-Chairman Prof. Yuri Izrael to prepare a scoping paper for a possible Technical Paper, Levels of the Greenhouse Gases in the Atmosphere and Dangerous Anthropogenic Interference with the Climate System.

The Chairman will invite Prof. Izrael to report on the progress on the scoping paper.

iii. Organization of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

The Chairman will invite Mr Taka Hiraishi, Co-Chairman of the Task Force, to introduce the topic for discussion and decision.

iv. Future Communication Strategy.

The Chairman will invite the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group on Communication Strategy, Dr R.K. Pachauri, to report on the item for discussion and decision.

b. Budget proposals for 2003-2005

The Secretary will introduce the proposal for discussion and decision.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Workshop on Extreme Events

The Chairman will invite the Co-Chairmen of Working Group I, Sir John Houghton and Dr Ding Yihui, to report on the progress.

b. Completion of the Technical Paper on Climate Change and Biodiversity

The Chairman will report on the progress.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

10. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The session is expected to close at 1300 hours on Saturday, 20 April 2002.